

ADOLPH RENARD.

MAY 25, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HALE, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the memorial and accompanying papers of Adolph Renard, of St. Louis, asking for additional compensation as recorder of land letters in Missouri, report:*

That from the statement of the petitioner it appears that during the time he was recorder as aforesaid he performed the duties of clerk in the surveyor's office at St. Louis. That he received pay for both offices until the 12th of October, 1858. He was informed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office that his salary in two official capacities was contrary to law and could no longer be allowed, and he therefore rejected his claim for the last quarter of his salary as clerk aforesaid, amounting to three hundred and seventy-five dollars; and this sum he now asks Congress to pay him.

Your committee believe the department acted properly in disallowing the claim of Mr. Renard. It must be an extraordinary case which would justify the payment of two salaries to the same man at the same time. It is, we think, contrary to good policy, a custom liable to great abuse, and not to be encouraged. As this claim has nothing to take it out of this rule, the committee recommend that it be not allowed.

